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COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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DIFFERENT RATES FOR OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether different rates have been fixed in different States and areas for laying optical fibre cable, causing loss of crores of rupees to the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for difference in rates; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir, rates are fixed based on competitive bids obtained in the open tender for each route. Rates of optical fibre cable laying will be varying depending on the soil condition, topography, depth of the cable laying, availability of labour, labour rate and economic and social condition of the area etc.

(c) Not applicable in view of the reply as above.